

SENATE RESOLUTION 7017 of the First Extraordinary Session

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Joe William Black III of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Joe William Black III of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Black III was an esteemed pediatrician and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a Fountain City native, Joe William Black III was born on September 23, 1958, and graduated from Central High School in 1976; and

WHEREAS, a talented and accomplished percussionist in high school, Dr. Black took his love of music to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he met his future wife, Monica Black, while the two were performing in a musical skit competition—he as a drummer and she as a Rockette; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Black III ultimately decided to follow in the footsteps of his father, Dr. Joe W. Black, Jr., a highly respected North Knoxville pediatrician; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 1980, Dr. Black earned a medical degree from University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Black completed his residency in pediatrics and, in 1987, began practicing at Black and Benton Pediatrics, where he enjoyed the unique opportunity of practicing medicine with both his wife and his father; and

WHEREAS, as a pediatrician, Dr. Black was known for his patience with parents' questions, for not "rushing" families during visits, and for his ability to manage complicated diagnoses or deliver disappointing news with a gentle, comforting tone and a plan; and

WHEREAS, passionate about his faith, Dr. Black was a lifelong Methodist who put his Lord first in everything he did; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Black III enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife and best friend, Dr. Monica Black, and he was the proud father of Laurel, Joseph, and Grace and the adoring grandfather of Robin; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and children, he will be lovingly remembered by his parents, Dr. Joe and Shirley Black; his sister, Jan Deaderick; his brothers, Dr. Steve Black and David Black; and his mother-in-law, Montie Field, along with a large and loving extended family of aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and sisters-in-law; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Black was preceded in death by his grandparents, uncles, maternal aunts, and father-in-law; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Black leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Dr. Joe William Black III, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Black.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.